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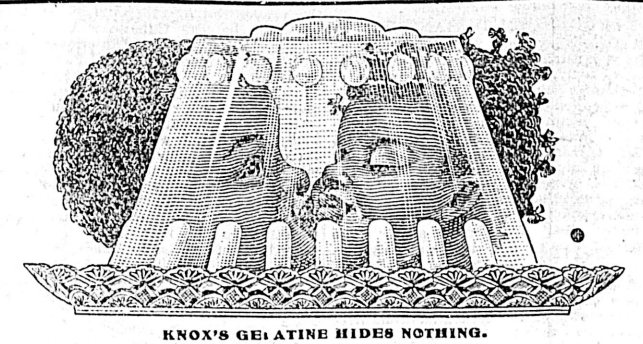
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This company has declared dividend of
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Those who bought Cariboo-McKinney shares
on our advice two months ago can now
make over 100 per cent profit.

Republic Camp Stock.

The Grand Forks and Republic railway
will be completed some time in February,
when five Republic mines will commence
shipping 600 tons a day to the Granby
smelter, as contracts have already been
made. We therefore strongly recommend
investing in Republic camp, and the
shares will sell above 70 cents. The
respective profits within the next two
or three months. The following will be
shippers immediately the railway is
completed:
Mountain Lion, Quill, Tom Thumb, Black
Tail and Lone Pine. Mountain Lion is the
largest mine in Republic camp, and the
shares sold at \$1.25 and upwards.
Inside four months we expect Mountain
Lion will sell above 70 cents. The
price is around 30 cents. We think Black
Tail will double inside three months.

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FIRE AT TAMIWORTH.

An Assortment of Business Houses De-
stroyed.

Napanee, Ont., Feb. 6.—About noon a
fire broke out in D. E. Rose's drug store
at Tamiworth, and the following named
stores were burned: Rose's drug store,
Richardson's barber shop, the Great
Northwestern Telegraph company's of-
fice, Miss Donahue's dressmaking shop,
Johnston's general store, Lloyd & Son's
merchant tailor shop, and residence.
York's barber shop, J. O'Brien's shoe
store and Thos. Barry's grocery.

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Terms of Treaty Selling West
Indian Islands to United
States.

Safeguards Thrown Around Res-
idents Not Wishing to
Change Allegiance.

And Government Warlike Stores
Not Included in the
Transfer.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The full text of the treaty between the United States and Denmark for the cession of the Danish West Indian islands, was made public today. The purchase price is given as \$5,000,000. The treaty specifies that Denmark agrees to cede to the United States immediately upon the exchange of ratification, of the conventions, the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, in the West Indies, with the adjacent islands and rocks, comprising all the title and claims of title to the territory in and about said islands over which the Crown of Denmark now exercises or claims jurisdiction. It is set forth, however, that the consummation of the cession does not impart the transfer to the United States of the financial claims now held by Denmark against the colonial treasury of the islands, it being agreed that these claims are altogether extinguished in consequence of the cession. The title conveys to the United States the absolute fee and ownership of all public government or crown lands, public buildings, ports, harbors, fortifications, barracks, and all other public property of every kind and description belonging to the government of Denmark, it being, however, agreed that the arms and military stores existing in the islands at the time of the cession, and belonging to the government of Denmark, shall remain the property of that government, and shall, as soon as circumstances shall permit, be removed by it.

Article one of the treaty provides that Danish subjects residing in said islands may remain therein or remove therefrom at will, retaining in either event, all their rights of property, in- cluding the right to sell or dispose of such property or its proceeds, and in case they remain in the islands, they shall continue until otherwise provided to enjoy all the private municipal rights and liberties secured to them by the laws now in force.

If the present laws are altered, the said inhabitants shall not thereby be placed in a less favorable position in respect to the above-mentioned rights and liberties than they now enjoy. Those who remain in the islands may preserve their allegiance to the Crown of Denmark by making before a court of record, within two years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of this convention, a declaration of their decision to preserve such allegiance, in default of which declaration they shall be held to have renounced it, and to have accepted allegiance to the United States.

GRAND FORKS.

Name Selected For Amalgamation
With Columbia.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 6.—The last
obstacle to the harmonious amalga-
mation of the cities of Grand Forks
and Columbia has been removed. It was
officially proved today that the name of
the united cities should be Minto, but
recently an agitation was started here
with the object of obtaining the name of
Grand Forks. The City Council of Co-
lumbia at a meeting held last night in-
troduced a resolution endorsing that pro-
position.

WAR LOSSES.

Report of Deaths and Wounded in South
African War.

London, Feb. 6.—The War office this
evening published a summary of the
British losses in South Africa. Up to
January 31, the total reduction of the
forces from death and permanently dis-
abled, was 25,395 men. A total of casu-
alties including the surviving wounded,
was 5,240 officers and 100,701 men.

CAPTAIN ODIN RETIRES.

Old-Time Pilot on the Fraser Will
Now Rest.

New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 6.—
(Special).—Capt. George Odine, for many
years an employee of the C. P. N. Co.,
and pilot on the Fraser since 1869, has
retired from the command of the steam-
er Beaver on the Westminster-Chilliwack
route, and is succeeded by his mate,
Capt. Frank Reid.

The lower Fraser is now practically
clear of ice. The service to Leecher was
resumed some days ago, and that to
Chilliwack will be resumed tomorrow.

Nominations will be held for candi-
dates for the vacant seat in the City
Council, consequent upon W. E. Van-
stone not taking his seat till his qualifi-
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PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

Notices Appearing in Official Publi-
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CIVIC BY-ELECTIONS.

William Skene and Wm. Blackmore
Again Nominated.

Vancouver, Feb. 6.—(Special).—Wm.
Skene, who was elected alderman by the
biggest vote in the city, but who did not
take his seat, owing to lack of prop-
erty qualification, was nominated
again today. Wm. Blackmore, an un-
successful candidate in the recent alder-
manic elections, was also nominated.

LARGE RANCH SALE.

One Sold in Alberta for Two Hundred
Thousand Dollars.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—The Bar ranch,
formerly owned by the Alberta Cattle
Co., and now owned by Geo. Lane of Calgary, Messrs. Gordon, Iron-
sides and Fane. The deal involves in
cattle, horses, land and improvements,
over \$200,000. The ranch is finely situ-
ated and one of the largest and most
complete in Alberta.

McGILL GRADUATES.

Annual Gathering Held at Nanaimo—
Trades and Labor.

Nanaimo, Feb. 6.—(Special).—Grad-
uates of McGill university, Montreal,
resident in British Columbia, held their
annual reunion here tonight, the dinner
being in the Wilson hotel. The attend-
ees were very few, being confined to
graduates in medicine for the most
part.

The Trades and Labor Council have
decided to issue circular letters upon the
Chinese question and forward them to
the Trades and Labor Councils in the
East, asking co-operation in dealing with
the question. They endorse the pro-
posed Barbers bill, which has been pre-
pared for the legislature, and which re-
quires barbers to pass examinations
showing their understanding of the
disease. They condemn the proposition of
the Halifax Board of Trade which ad-
vocates the transferring of the I. C. R.
to the C. P. R.

Trade of
Empire

Australasian Ministers Are in
Favor of a British
Preference.

Fast Atlantic Mail Service Dis-
cussed at London Canadian
Dinner.

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Preferred
By Some as a Terminal
Port.

Mr. Fitzpatrick
Is Selected

He Will Be Sworn In Soon as
Dominion Minister of
Justice.

Mr. Blair's Health Improving—
To Dine With Lord
Minto.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—It is definitely set-
tled that Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick will
be the next minister of justice. He will
be sworn in before parliament meets.
The fact of his taking this position will
not necessitate his seeking re-election, as
the position of solicitor-general was a
salariated one. It is with some misgiv-
ings that the Premier is admitting Mr.
Fitzpatrick to the council board, and
certain of the ministers would un-
doubtedly have preferred some other gen-
tleman had got the portfolio. But the in-
fluence brought to bear upon Sir Wilfrid
in favor of Mr. Fitzpatrick was so pow-
erful that he could not resist it.

Mr. Blair, whose name was men-
tioned for the portfolio a few days ago,
is steadily improving in health, and at the
present rate of progress will be enabled
to be present at the opening of the
House.

The authorities of the Canada Atlan-
tic deny that the purchase money for the
line has been paid over by the Vander-
bilt interests. President Booth remark-
ed today that no communication had been
received from Dr. Webb since he left
Ottawa.

It is proposed to fumigate the effects
of all shantymen arriving in Ottawa
from the woods.

Lord Minto has issued an invitation to
all Canadian officers who served in
South Africa to dine with him on the
anniversary of Paardeberg.

A delegation of cutlery men say the
government today on tariff matters.

MURDERED THE MINISTER.

Head of Bulgarian Education Depart-
ment Shot and Assassin Com-
mits Suicide.

Sofia, Feb. 6.—M. Kamtcheff, minister
of public instruction, was assassinated
today in his study, by a Macedonian,
who pretended he wanted to present a
petition. The assassin subsequently
committed suicide by shooting himself.
M. Kamtcheff's assassin, who had been
a student at the University of Sofia,
was appointed to a professorship in a
provincial town. Disappointed at not be-
ing assigned to a position at the capital,
he had threatened to murder M. Kamt-
cheff. The police knew of the man's
threats and were also aware that there
were doubts as to his sanity, but they
allowed him to secure a private audience
with Kamtcheff, and the minister's murder
followed.

SCHOONER'S HARD VOYAGE.

The Noble Simons Rescued With Crew
All Frostdriven.

New York, Feb. 6.—The schooner
Charles X. Simons, which sailed
from Norfolk on February 3 for this
port, with a cargo of coal, was towed
into the harbor today by the steamer In-
dia, with her captain disabled and the
crew frostbitten and suffering intense-
ly from the cold. The schooner had expe-
rienced almost from the start the most
uncommonly hard weather. The wind,
which came from the north, blew
hard, and the weather was bitterly cold.
The spray flew over the decks and rig-
ging, covering everything with ice. On
Monday the schooner assumed a hurri-
cane force and carried away the fore-
and main booms. Capt. Green was knocked
unconscious by the falling wreckage and
remained in that state until today. The
mate navigated the schooner to a posi-
tion off Pine Island, where she was
anchored to ride out the gale. Then the
mate became incapacitated from his sur-
ferings, and the crew were prostrated
by intense cold, besides having their
hands and feet frostbitten. The steward
was the only person on board able to
duty. The schooner remained at anchor
with the wreckage strewn about the
decks until noon yesterday, when the In-
dia hove in sight and came to her as-
sistance.

IN COLOMBIA.

Prisoners Make Their Escape After
Desperate Fight.

Colon, Feb. 6.—The rumor that the
steamer Libertador, now operating in the
interests of the Matos revolution against
President Castro, of Venezuela, had been
sunk at Puerto Colombia, Colombia, by a
Venezuelan man-of-war, is unfounded.
According to news received here to-
day, the Libertador was at Cartagena,
Colombia, last Saturday and left Sun-
day, after coaling and taking on board
supplies for an unknown destination.

Other news received here today from
Cartagena is to the effect that 94 politi-
cal prisoners were lodged in prison in
the city managed to make their escape
on February 1. This escape was at-
tended by a serious affray, in which
the commander of the prison and the
fort and several others were killed. The
escaped prisoners have not yet been re-
captured.

By a recent government decree, pro-
mulgated on the 15th inst., passports per-
mitting transit through or in the de-
partment of Panama will only be issued
to parties of the government or to
neutral foreigners. No one will be al-
lowed upon the streets of Panama
without written permission from the
authorities. In case the Liberator
threatens attack, says this day's
Prensa, the government of Panama
will not members of the public, Feb. 15,
be stopped.

It is reported here that Feb. 10,
has effected a landing at
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LOCAL NEWS.

Donor Thanked.—A donation of \$30 from Ald. Barnard is thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage.

In Durance Vile.—Peter Hopke, a drunken sailor off the steamer Rosalie, was an inmate of the police station last night.

Hunt Club Meet.—The Victoria Hunt club will meet on Saturday at 2:30 for a cross-country run at Armadale, the residence of Senator Macdonald.

On Banking.—At the meeting of the mock parliament to be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Wednesday next, Mr. Malpas, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will lecture on the Canadian banking system.

Toten Was Large.—The totem pole recently brought from the North by Dr. Newcombe and which has been lying on the C. P. N. wharf since it arrived, is being sawn in two in order to allow of its being carried more readily on the train to Chicago, where it will adorn a museum in the Windy City.

Official Visit.—Ald. J. A. Johnston, of New Westminster, who is grand councillor for British Columbia of the Royal Templars of Temperance, paid Victoria a visit. An address was made to the insurance department as a result of Bro. Johnston's visit.

Jewish Services.—Service will commence at Synagogue Emanuel, corner Blanchard and Pandora, at 7:30 this (Friday) evening. The Rev. Montague N. A. Cohen will preach on "The Supremacy of Motive." The subject of the sermon to be delivered at the Saturday morning service will be "The Measuring Line."

J. B. A. Concert.—The James Bay Athletic association is giving an musical line, they will do the thing well, for when they begin to hustle for laurels, something usually happens. The best musical talent is pleading its support, obstacles yield to energy all along the line, and already success is assured.

Misses a Trip.—Steamer Rosalie will miss her usual trip today, for she has taken the mail run of the steamer Alice Gertrude, while that vessel is being docked, to Neah Bay via port. The trip occupies two days. The Rosalie left Seattle at midnight. In the meantime the Majestic will cover the Victoria-Seattle route.

Re-organized.—The brewery workers met in Labor hall last night, and steps were taken to re-organize the union. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. Temporary officers were elected: Peter Wolfe, president; Geo. Hood, secretary; J. Samson and G. Hood, delegates to Trades and Labor Council. The majority of employees of the breweries were present, and the likelihood is that the union will get down to a sound basis within a month.

Pioneer Dead.—Edward Simpson, Carey road, and formerly of Colwood and Millstream, died at the Jubilee hospital yesterday morning. He was 82 years of age. He was a member of the Victoria lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., Norfolk, Virginia, who were communicated with by telegram. The services at the grave were conducted by A. Grahame, P.G., and B. Deacon, P.G., members of the O. E. F., relief committee. Bro. Quail was also a member of the I. L. A., of this city, whose officers and members attended in a body. The following acted as pall-bearers: Frank Wall, Arthur Cookes, Charles Pratts, Henry Bruhn, John Brady, Frank Cody.

LEGALLY DEAD.

The Will of the Late Chief Steward Walker Probated.

Final steps have been taken at Vancouver for the winding up of the estate of the late Thos. C. Walker, steward of the Empress of India. A certified copy of the will and order for probate were obtained by Messrs. McMillan & Wilson, solicitors for the deceased's heirs.

There was considerable delay in probating the will on account of the impossibility of proving the death of the deceased by direct evidence, and lawyers were interested in the case to see what could be done to dispose of the difficulty. It will be remembered that Thomas C. Walker was chief steward on the R. M. S. Empress of India, and when the vessel arrived at William Head quarantine station on her homeward-bound trip, on the 16th of September last, Mr. Walker was seen at the station appearing in good health and mind. He was seen by one of the officers some hours afterwards, while the big liner was heading for Vancouver, Walker coming into the officer's room and asking him to take care of some papers and money. Walker went out the door and never again seen either dead or alive. When the evidence was submitted the judge was satisfied that he was "legally dead," and the will has been probated.

Bonnie Lester, Palmist.

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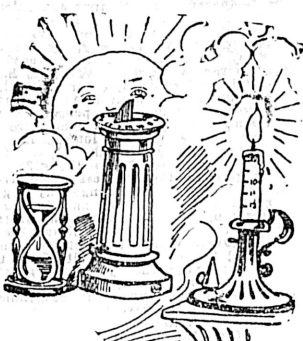
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Chinatown Celebrates

The Annual New Year Festivities
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Firecrackers Splutter, Lanterns
Shine and All Little China
Is Holidaying.

Little China—the alien city within a city—is celebrating its annual holiday, and a few steps from Government street lands one in the picturesque Orient these days. The downfall of the verandahs, the building of more substantial brick blocks, and other changes of the last few years have robbed the outer covers of Chinatown of much of its picture, but at this glad New Year the by-ways and alleys are again as picturesque as they are malodorous. The stores are closed and from the jutting balconies and overhanging eaves hang lanterns, globular, hexagonal, paper, silk and gauze, bright red or parti-colored, or a soft medley of delicate shades. When these are lighted after nightfall, Chinatown is a picture that pleases the eye and the heart. The firecrackers, and the quaint sounds which ever fall on the ear, when the metallic and screechy orchestras, clang their cymbals, beat their tom-toms and skirl their reed pipes, or the drinking chorus is shouted by the Chinese in the rooms above the illustrated street, the West is lost, and it is the Orient and of the Orient. The light is not strong enough to reveal the squalor and the pungent joss stick overcomes the other odors, and with the faint sounds and warm and subdued lights, there is a certain air of enchantment about this Chinatown, which although the picture may be rudely destroyed by an after look, certainly has an inviting effect.

"Kong E. Pa Choy."—The little Chinese boy who strut the streets in their ragged-hued holiday garb, the long gown-merchanted tye, the domestic servant of other days in his bright green coat and purple pants—or the cleaned-up coolie—each and every of a host of other things, and again and again this Chinese equivalent to our "Happy New Year," while the replies are given as quickly as the "Same to you," of some five weeks ago. The colors of these holiday-making Chinese are the same as the colors of the Siwash pine for them. On the streets or in the alleys there is color galore, and to stand in one of these dark dirty lanes today and see a dingy door burst open and a little Chinese firefly dart forth as though just released from a chrysalis, as gorgeous as the rainbow and unashamed of their fiery young China is abroad today.

In the doorway with his big red visiting cards in his hands, may be the wood-cutter of other days stands smoking a pipe, or the man who might be a good one if his pleased countenance was to be considered. He wears an upper garment of deep heavy garnet silk, richly embossed, and his trousers are as green as only a Chinaman's trousers or the open sea have any right to be. The new year through the open door can be seen the big stand on which nuts, candies, cigars, wines, etc. are spread for the New Year visitors, who are not all of the Mongolian race, for often the loungers of the dummy are the Chinese of the Chinaman's hospitality to get a cigar, or the curious sightseer gingerly bites the proffered candy. Further down the street one with long fingers is poking the red visit-ing cards—ten times the size of those of the upper city—through the cracks of the closed doors. Nearly a little group are standing bowing and congratulating each other.

Goon Hay—Congratulations, says one. Fat Choy—Good luck, says the other, and then they shake hands with him, not with each other—and the groups fade away.

China lilies in great profusion scent the air with their delicate perfume, mingling with the more pungent odor of burning sandalwood. Red camellias blooming in pots and little gold fish swimming in glass bowls appeal to the eye of the beautiful, while the sweet-toothed are tempted with the display of candied fruits, preserves and dried delicacies. Here are candied limes with a flavor delicate and seductive, the lichee nut, best known of all the sweet palm tree fruits; the bamboo shoot, the melon rind and seeds, the betel nut, the more pungent and wood cheese, and a dozen other varieties of tropical fruits unknown in American and European markets.

The Joss temples have been treated to new coats of red and green paint and gilding, and the new year is being celebrated with a flourish. The streets are brilliant with paper lanterns blushing a crimson welcome upon the heads of the crowds on the sidewalk below them. Today "Kong He Fat Choy" will be the watchword of the more pungent and wood cheese, and the kowtow will bob up and down with a queue at one end of it every few steps. Ducks, geese, chickens and pigs are being slaughtered for this is a festival which brings bad luck to

taste, and the conclusion of having passed a bad night, for not only were the firecrackers crackling and spluttering, but punks burned on every window sill, and even a window blind was set on fire to service to hold the smouldering sticks, whose smoke is perfume to the nostrils of the Chinese, but death to the devil.

Another feature of this annual Chinese celebration is the blowing of the lilies on the sills of Chinatown's windows in their little dishes, and with their bulbs nesting among the pebbles the lilies bloom, white and gold, with their petals like frosted satin—and you to think whose lilies have not flowered before this New Year time began. He is unlucky, of fate accursed, and fortune will forsake him during the year. So runs the Chinese superstition.

There is a story of a rival in China of many years ago where the rivals who fought for the possession of a Chinese maiden used the lilies, the like of which now adorn every Chinese house in a novel and thoroughly Oriental manner. The lilies were placed in a dish, and each combatant tended the lily, eagerly they watched the sprouting leaves day after day, and with but two days before the New Year neither flower had bloomed. Then a day later as with starting eyes they watched their several plants for the expectant flower, a bloom came on one, and an hour later the defeated rival was hanging from a rope in a back room of an opium den in one of Chinatown's alleys. He had taken his life, and kept his word, and as the story runs his lily never bloomed.

Another feature in connection with the celebration is that the New Year sees a settlement of all accounts, and if Chinese firms are on the verge of collapse, the New Year will bring them bankruptcy, for to the credit of the Chinamen be it said that he realizes that his bargains are binding, and that the New Year must see him free from debt if possible. To be in debt at New Year time is to "lose face," and the sacrifices which a Chinaman will make on the approach of the New Year to enable him to avoid being posted as insolvent are as extraordinary as they are admirable.

At present in China countless millions are keeping the month of holiday, worshipping their ancestors assiduously in the temples. And this ancestor worship, by the way, is exceedingly interesting. The worship of their family is a Chinese ideal. The very government of China is conducted on the principle of parental authority. Each one of the 400,000,000 inhabitants stands in the same relation to the Emperor, who considers himself and is considered the father of his people, that he does to his parents, and the head of a household is an absolute ruler over his own family.

He receives the greatest respect and obedience from his children, his ancestors are on record of dutiful sons or daughters cutting flesh from their own limbs and serving broth made from it to their sick parents, believing it to be a most efficient way of hastening their recovery. Neither is it uncommon, when the life of a parent is despaired of, for one of the children to present several years of life to the sufferer, expecting to shorten his own term of existence by as many years as he has given away.

When a man marries and brings home his wife, she, too, must show the utmost reverence for her father and mother-in-law.

One of the most solemn sacrifices at the home occurs on the last night of the old year, which is the night when the house is then put in perfect order, and decorated with the narcissus, which the Chinese arrange to have in full bloom at that time. The absent members of the family return, if possible, and the dead and the living feast together. The table is set with fish, poultry, and pork, rice and vegetables, and samshu, a liquor distilled from rice, which, after satisfying the hunger of the dead, is eaten by the living. A little food is placed near the door in order to feed any wandering stranger spirits without annoying the family ancestors. Then, after burning incense and paper money, the descendants bow before the shrine and pray for the protection and blessing of the ancestral spirits during the coming year, for every Chinese, from the Son of Heaven to the poorest coolie, believes that upon the favor of these guardians depend happiness and success, and that dire misfortune and trouble follow upon their displeasure.

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Local Reformers Send Congratulatory Message to Ruler at Peking.

While Chinatown was exploding its strings of spluttering firecrackers and the glad sounds of the New Year were echoing, the West Coast reformers were carrying a congratulatory message from the Chinese Reform association of this city to the Emperor Kwang Hsu of China, whose birthday is being celebrated. This message, which was cabled yesterday morning by the president of the Reform association, was a sharp message in fact, it said that the reformers' fifty-five Canadian dollars to have their little say to their Emperor. Last year similar messages were sent, together with another cablegram, which, as will be remembered, was addressed to the Empress Dowager T'ai and this year was not a cablegram, but a letter. In fact, it called upon that old lady, who still rules China, to get off the throne and give her place to the rightful ruler, the Emperor Kwang Hsu. The message was sent to the British minister at Peking, with a request that he should deliver it to the Empress Dowager. Whether she received it or not history does not say, for there was no answer.

The message reads as follows: Chinese Minister Foreign Affairs, British Ambassador, Peking: Please convey our congratulations to our beloved Emperor and Empress Dowager. We pray for their restoration. CHINESE REFORM ASSN., Lee Fook Gay, President.

THE SIDNEY FATALITY.

Additional Particulars—Eight Helpless Children Left Fatherless.

Some further particulars of the dual fatality at Sidney were learned last evening. It appears that the crew of the Senator, thinking the after cabin somewhat damp, erected a small stove, and kept up a good fire. Before retiring, at about 10:30 p.m., they thought the fire was out, and taking off the pipe, placed the stove in a corner. Some smoldering coals remained, however, and the open top kept them alive, with the result that the little stateroom was slowly filled with gas. At about 5:30 the next morning, Hughie Stalker—the victim of the Moodyville ferry—who had slept forward, went aft and found his

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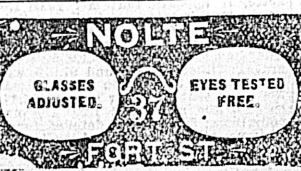
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